



**Diocese of
Salford**

SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

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The Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time (B)



"...his sight returned and he followed him along the road."

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Welcome to Saint Vincent's

If you are a visitor to Saint Vincent's this weekend, please feel welcome! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. Here is some information to help you feel at home:

HARD OF HEARING? There is an Induction Loop System installed in this Church: if you wear a hearing aid, please turn it to the 'T' setting.

Refreshments after Mass: Everyone is very welcome to stay behind after Sunday morning Masses and share a cuppa! Tea and Coffee are served in the Parish Centre on the opposite side of the car-park after 9.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. Sunday Masses.

Toilets: The toilet is located near the side entrance: **children should not go out of Church unaccompanied.** Please use the disinfectant wipes to clean all surfaces after every use—dispose of them in the bin but do not flush them down the toilet. Thank you.

Saint Vincent's Parish Centre: The Parish Centre is available for parish use and outside bookings. Please contact Robert Allen on **0758 320 7810** for all enquiries.

Parking: please try to give priority to places nearest Church for people with restricted mobility. Thank you.

In our prayers ...

Requests for Masses & Prayers:
Recently Deceased: Anne Maloney, Margaret Roberts, Denis Howells, Margaret Thompson, Shay Daly, Kay Curtin.

Anniversary: Colin Ramsden, Mary Granelli-Pinder, Anthony Mulleeney, George Andruszko, Mary Reid, Betsy Leach, Jo Gollcher, John Henry.

National Cycle of Prayer: We pray especially for: the spread of the gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work and the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners and their families.

The Holy Father's Intention (October) For a shared mission: we pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

Salford Diocesan Synod Prayer

Loving Father, be with us as we seek new ways of being your people in our Diocese. May each new day bring us closer to your son, Jesus, as we follow his teaching and become disciples of love. As we continue our Synodal journey draw us closer to each other. May the truth of your Spirit enlighten us. Open our hearts, as we listen to each other and reach out in love to your people. Stay with us, Lord, on our journey. Amen.

At Saint Vincent's This Week ...

The Thirtieth Week of Ordinary Time

PSALTER WEEK 2

Monday 28th October Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles [Feast]	📖 Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-19 9.30 a.m. Word & Communion
Tuesday 29th October Weekday	📖 Ephesians 5:21-39; Luke 13:18-21 9.30 a.m. MASS
Wednesday 30th October Weekday	📖 Ephesians 6:1-6; Luke 13:22-20 9.30 a.m. MASS
Thursday 31st October Weekday	📖 Ephesians 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35 9.30 a.m. MASS for Peace
Friday 1st November ALL SAINTS [Solemnity] Holyday of Obligation	📖 Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a 9.30 a.m. MASS 6.30 p.m. MASS <i>No Abstinence Today!</i>
Saturday 2nd November THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls)	📖 Isaiah 25:1-6; Romans 5:5-11; Matthew 11:25-30 11.00 a.m. MASS at ROCHDALE CEMETERY 6.00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6.30 p.m. First MASS of Sunday
Sunday 3rd November The Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	📖 Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34 9.00 a.m. MASS Refreshments after Mass in the Parish Centre 11.00 a.m. MASS Refreshments after Mass in the Parish Centre

THE WORD THIS WEEK

All of Jesus' miracles can be read in many different ways: there is always a message – almost a parable – behind each one, that tells us something about God, about his care for his people, about Jesus and about the promises God has made to us, his children. Today is no exception: on the simplest level, we see Jesus offering the greatest gift he could give to Bartimaeus – the gift of sight. It shows us Jesus' love and care for those who suffer. But that alone is not the whole meaning of this story, as the first reading makes clear: there, through Jeremiah, God promises to gather his children into a new and perfect Kingdom, washing away the tears and restoring comfort. So Jesus appears as a fulfilment of this prophecy, as the One who brings this Kingdom into the world. But it doesn't end there: in our own age we still have the blind, and those who suffer: there are still tears to be washed away – Jesus' work is begun, but not completed. God's promises extend to us as well. As followers of Jesus, we should imitate him in doing what we can to bring that comfort which is the Kingdom of God to all in need.

NEWS AND NOTES

A New Papal Encyclical

On Thursday the Vatican published the latest encyclical from Pope Francis, entitled "*Dilexit Nos.*" The Holy Father has frequently talked about the importance of encounter. In *Dilexit Nos*, he explains how our lifestyle today, with its frenetic pace and its emphasis on consumerism means that we are not paying enough attention to the heart. He returns to his theme of the dangers of individualism, telling us that this stops us from having a true encounter with our neighbour. This leads to the realisation that an authentic personal relationship to Christ, strengthened by devotion to the Sacred Heart cannot be separated from loving our neighbour. *More on this next week!*

All Hallows' Eve

Otherwise known as Halloween! Nowadays there is often a lot of debate about whether Christians should "celebrate" Halloween: we must remember that it is originally a Christian idea, connected with the great celebration of All the Saints and All the Faithful Departed that follow it! The following is from an article written by an American priest, Father Steve Grunow: "*There is a lot that is unsavoury about the contemporary celebration of Halloween. What does the singular focus on violence, horror, and death have to say about our culture? The traditional, Catholic Halloween placed these realities within the context of Christ's victory over sin, death, and evil. The current secularized version of the festival has no salvific content and has been loosed from its theological moorings. But what is the proper response? To lock the Church behind closed doors - or to let her out into the world? I think it is time for Catholics to accept*

the religious liberties that this culture claims to afford them and go public with their own festivals—and to do so dramatically and with a great deal of public fervour. What is holding us back? What are we afraid will happen? Halloween should not be a day when our churches go dark and Christians retreat into the shadows, but when we fill the darkness with Christ's light and go out into the culture, inviting everyone to the prepare for the festival of the saints with all the joy we can muster."

Book of the Names of the Dead

With November coming up we will shortly be reprinting the Book of Names behind the organ. Next to the book are some little cards to fill in to ADD names to the book—all names currently included will remain. Please complete this by this **Sunday 27th October!**

Holy Day of Obligation

This coming **Friday 1st November** is the Solemnity of All Saints, a holy day of obligation. It's rather like an extra Sunday in the middle of the week, when we celebrate by attending Mass, but also observing it as a festival day: since it falls on a Friday this year, there is no fasting and abstinence as we normally have on Fridays! Masses here at Saint Vincent's are both on Friday, at **9.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.**

Cemetery Mass

On **Saturday 2nd November** (All Souls' Day) Mass will be offered in Rochdale Cemetery Chapel for those buried or cremated there and all our departed brothers and sisters. The Mass will be at **11.00 a.m.** and all are welcome.

Bury Choral Society Concert

We will be hosting Bury Choral Society on **Sunday 17th November** at 2.00 p.m. as they invite us to "Just An Hour", a concert in Church featuring Puccini's "Messa di Gloria". With Conductor Juan Ortuno and Accompanist Jonathan Ellis. Admission free.

Deanery Day for Readers

As we prepare for the introduction of the new Lectionary at Masses on the First Sunday of Advent, there is a Study afternoon for all Parish readers in our deanery on **Sunday 24th November** from 2.00 - 4.00 p.m. (**Please note change of date!**) We are hosting it here in our Parish Centre (volunteers to serve refreshments would be appreciated!) All our readers are warmly encouraged to attend if possible!

S.V.P. Clothing Bank

Thank you for your generous contributions to the clothing bank in the church car park: the S.V.P. shop in Bury has been overwhelmed by your support. May we remind you to bag up all items securely before putting them in the bank, and to please refrain from leaving items outside of the bank when it is full. It is not totally watertight and

heavy rain has on occasion caused damage to items which may not then be fit for use. We will continue to empty the bank weekly and remain very grateful for your support.

A Note of Thanks

The recent concert in our Parish Centre in aid of Springhill Hospice raised the magnificent total of £1,382.00! Thank you to all the performers, and to everyone who supported the event.

McIndoe Bequest and Works

We recently received a generous bequest from the estate of the late Ian and Edna McIndoe (who, in addition to many other charities, also bequeathed a substantial sum to the S.V.P.). This has allowed us to do some long overdue works. First, this coming week will see **new floodlighting** installed in the car-park and paths round Church - especially important now the clocks have gone back! Secondly, the sacristy is going to be moved, so that we can create a **room for Children's Liturgy** of the Word at Sunday masses from the present sacristy: this work will take a little longer, but it is hoped that it will be completed early in the New Year. We will be looking for some volunteers with decorating skills, as well as Children's Liturgy leaders, so please watch this space! We have also purchased a new **Book of the Gospels** (with the new lectionary readings) in memory of Ian and Edna. Please remember them in your prayers, with gratitude for their generosity.

Electrician Needed to Help the S.V.P.

We are grateful to receive donations of household items that can then be passed on to our beneficiaries. However, when we are offered donations of electrical goods, we would like to ensure that they are safe by carrying out a PAT (Portable Appliance Test). If you are qualified to do such a test and would be happy to help, please get in touch with Joan Hamilton on **0773 990 8561**.

Free Hymn Books!

I'm clearing out the Sacristy at the moment, and we have a number of hymn books that we won't be using again. Please help yourself from the box in the porch—and if you would like to make a donation to CAFOD for one that would be lovely!

Bank Donations

The account details for direct banking, for either one-off or regular giving are: Account Name: **The Salford Diocesan Trust** St Vincent de Paul Norden Account Number: 80492523 Sort Code: 20.55.34.

WHAT'S IN A CHURCH?

9: The Holy Oils

We keep finding some unusual words as we travel round the Church, and this week is no exception! Today we are visiting what is sometimes called the "aumbry" - the place of reservation of the Holy Oils used in the Sacraments. "Aumbry" is an old

English word, which comes from the Latin "armarium" which simply means "closet" or "cupboard" - it also gives us the French word "armoire", sometimes used for a wardrobe. In older churches the Holy Oils would be stored in a secure cupboard - similar to a Tabernacle, but smaller - on the Sanctuary; nowadays many Churches have the oils on display, either on the sanctuary or in the baptistry - as we now do! The Holy Oils are kept because in normal circumstances they are to be used for a whole year, only being blessed by the Bishop at the Chrism Mass in Holy Week. The most important is the Sacred Chrism, olive oil mixed with balsam, which is used in Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination of Priests and the Dedication of Churches. Then is the Oil of Catechumens (or of Baptism), which is only used to anoint those preparing to be baptised. Finally there is the Oil of the Sick, used for the seriously ill in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. A priest can bless olive oil to replace the last two if they run out, but the Chrism can only be blessed by a Bishop. The Oils are a constant reminder of the sacramental life of the Church, and the way in which physical things and human touch become the healing and strengthening touch of God's grace.
Next week: The Paschal Candle

DIOCESAN NOTES

Action to Oppose Assisted Suicide

Catholics across England and Wales are being called to unite in prayer and compassionate action in opposition to a new Bill on assisted suicide. The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales has pulled together a range of resources with more information, a pastoral letter from Cardinal Nichols, and a link to an online tool to contact your MP to voice your opposition to the bill. Find out more at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide>

Vocations Newsletter

Our Office for Vocations is pleased to share with you its latest newsletter, featuring news and updates on vocations to the priesthood and permanent diaconate, as well as insights into different aspects of ministry. To read the latest copy, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/vocations-2>

Synod Gathering for Young Adults

This November, our Young Adults Synod Members will be leading a special theme gathering to further discern and discuss the themes to have emerged from last year's Big Listen Exercise and to submit proposals for each of the themes. The meeting will take place after our next monthly Mass for Young Adults, which begins at 5.30 p.m. on **Sunday 10th November** at Saint Augustine's Church, Manchester.

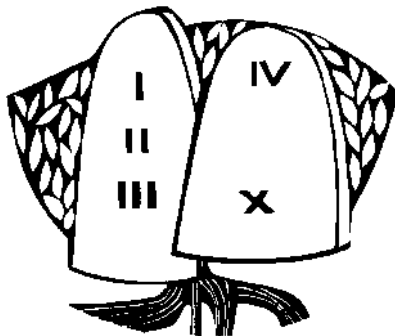
Memorial Mass

A Memorial Mass to remember loved ones who have died in The Manchester Foundation Trust Hospitals and The Christie will be taking place on **Wednesday 13th November** at The Church of the Holy Name, Oxford Road, Manchester, praying the Rosary at 6.00 p.m. before Mass at 7.00p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.



THE SACRAMENTS

Home Communions

Brenda Robinson is our Parish Co-ordinator for Home Communions: if you or a relative find yourself housebound for a period of time, or know of a Catholic moving into one of our care homes, and would like to receive holy communion at home, please let Brenda know by phoning **0785 559 8016**.

Baptisms

are by appointment: please collect, fill in and return one of the Information forms from the porch. They provide details of what is required and the next steps in the process.

Marriage

is also by appointment. Please take an information leaflet from the porch and return the tear-off portion to arrange an interview. Please do not make bookings before this interview and note that six months' notice is required.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Presbytery to ask for this Sacrament. It should not be left until the last minute, but the sick should celebrate this sacrament to receive God's healing and comfort.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion

Children baptised in the Catholic Church who are in **Year 3 (First Communion)**, and **Year 8 (Confirmation)** but NOT at Saint Vincent's Primary School, please ask Father James for registration forms as soon as possible.

CARE AND CONCERN

Our Parish S.V.P.

The S.V.P. Conference at Saint Vincent's support people in need in a variety of ways; visiting people at home or in care homes, responding to calls for practical help, providing home cooked meals for around twenty four residents of Leopold Court, a local homeless unit, one day every fortnight, providing food bags for local families. If you or anyone you know would like any kind of help please contact Joan Hamilton on **0773 990 8561** or send an email to PresidentD111410@svp.org.uk. Please also remember that donations to the SVP can made at any time through the donations slot on the back wall of Church, or by bank transfer online: Account Name **D111410 SVP ST VINCENT—ROCHDALE**; Account Number **4608 2506**; Sort Code **60-60-04**. Thank you for your support!

Rochdale Food Bank

Please place your donations in the boxes at the back of the Church. The Food Bank is currently short of everything, but in urgent need of **Coffee, Tinned Rice/Custard, Sugar, Tinned Potatoes, Fruit Juice and Jam**. More details at rochdale-foodbank.org.uk and a full "shopping list" is available by the donations box.

Donations

Please be aware that there are permanent donation boxes on the back wall of Church for **CAFOD, Caritas Diocese of Salford, Caritas Ukraine** and the **Parish S.V.P.** Thank you for your constant generosity!

Gospel Wordsearch

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✠ Stay With Us, Lord, On Our Journey ✠